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11. (SecondAmended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of transporting loaded pallets to store at a [an outdoor] storage [dump] site and storing the thus transported pallets at the dump site in a compact configuration with pallets side-by-side and stacked upon one another.

The case has been put into better condition for appeal by cancellation of claim 17 and amendment of Claim 11 to its original form. Thus it is respectfully requested that the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 be entered for purpose of appeal. Note that this declaration is directed to traverse the Examiner's position first expressed in the Final Rejection that "Miller, clearly discloses stacking the tire mats to form a generally solid form and therefore would inherently prevent the accumulation of water; see column 4, lines 57-62".

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Enc. Formal Drawings
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